

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether growth in interest payments is higher than growth of revenue expenditure;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof;
- (c) the measures taken to reduce the revenue expenditure and to economise in purchases by the Government offices of day to day requirement stationery and other items;
- (d) whether the Government have ever made a study of the excess expenditure being incurred on
- (c) above; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

- (a) No, Sir;
- (b) Does not arise;
- (c) to (e) It is Government's constant endeavour to contain non-plan, non-developmental expenditure. Instructions to avoid wasteful expenditure are issued from time to time to all the Ministries/Departments. These measures include ban on the creation of posts, reduction in number of sanctioned posts, restrictions on the filling up of the vacant posts, reduction in office expenses, restrictions on purchase of vehicles, restrictions on foreign travel and on entertainment/hospitality expenses, etc. This is an on-going and continuous exercise. Report of the Expenditure Reforms Commission has already provided inputs in this regard.